Dear Connecticut Judiciary Committee,

I am writing today in hopes you will join me in OPPOSING SB16, An Act Addressing Gun Violence and Juvenile Crime.

This bill seems to have little to do with finding solutions to our crime, mental health, or violence problems, and more to do with attacking the constitutional rights of citizens by expanding the definition of so-called "assault weapons."

Or the new rules on so-called "ghost guns". Even requiring people in possession of antique firearms to have them defaced with a state issued number. Are antique guns the problem? No? Then it's not a solution to stop gun violence.

The citizens of Connecticut must already jump through endless loops to be able to exercise their right to the Second Amendment, and these ridiculous restrictions do nothing but hinder the ability of a law-abiding citizen's right to self-defense.

Article First, Sec. 15: Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state.

Thank you, and once again please **OPPOSE** SB16.

I addition, I also **OPPOSE** H.B. No. 5416 – AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

I **SUPPORT** Raised S.B. No. 388 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

I **SUPPORT** Raised H.B. No. 5415 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

I **SUPPORT** Raised H.B. No. 5412 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

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